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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examining the above-identified application, please amend said
application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please replace the present Abstract with the following:

a'
A valve arrangement, which possesses at least one valve, which is has a valve
housing provided with housing ducts. On opposite sides of the valve housing there are
first and a second interfaces for the fitting of a first and a second connection board. Each
connection board comprises at least one connection duct communicating with a housing